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Bob Sutherland  
Sutherland Brothers, Inc.  
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Nucla, Colorado, 81424

**Re: Weimer Pit #2 Pit, Permit No. M-1996-031, Surety Reduction Request, SR-01, complete.**

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

On March 22, 2012 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received Sutherland Brothers, Inc. request for a surety reduction of the financial warranty (SR-01) for the above referenced pit. Unfortunately the request was incomplete per Rule 4.17.1(2) which requires the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all owners of record to the affected lands. Sutherland Brothers, submitted the landowners names and address per the requirements on April 2, 2012. Therefore the surety reduction request, SR-02 is now considered complete.

Based on the inspection of March 19, 2012 it is noted all earthwork has been completed at the site and it was ready for seeding. The Division can calculate the reduction based upon the completion of those tasks. However, if Sutherlands can provide seed tags as documentation of the required reseeding an additional \$5660.00 can be reduced from the overall liability. The documentation must be received by April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in order to receive credit for that task.

Per Rule 4.17, the Division has 60 days to inspect the land. This was actually done on March 19, 2012. A reduction calculation will be done as soon as the notices of completions of reclamation are sent out. As long as no objections are received within 30 days of this letter the reduction should be approved by May 2, 2012.

If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, or by telephone no. 970.241.1117.

Sincerely,

G. Russell Means  
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